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1. In an article entitled "A Remarkable Construction of the Stalin Epoch" in the 27 Dec 53 issue of Vechernaya Moskva, we are informed that during the few months of the 1952 sailing season, timber, grain, coal, and machinery were transported on the canal. There is no mention of petroleum shipments and it can be concluded that there were none. The article states that all hydrotechnical equipment was in good working order at the end of the sailing season. The time required for passing ships through docks was reduced to 14 minutes in the Fall of 1952 from the 20 minutes it had required at the beginning of the season. Many vessels, including 12 motorships and steamships without winter repairs, were left at the port of Kalach for the winter.
2. An article under the title "Just before the Sailing Season on the Volga-Don", appearing in Pravda on 23 Mar 53, relates that workers of the canal wound up preparations for the sailing season on 22 March. [redacted] the season opened either the last days of March or the beginning of April. By 22 March, 48 vessels had been completely overhauled in the port of Kalach. The steamships "Akademik Vyshinskiy", "Akademik Vinogradov" and a number of other powerful ships were fitted out with the most modern installations, through the use of which crews would be able to maintain communications with despatcher points and meteorological stations while en route. [redacted] these installations will be either wireless stations or radio telephones.

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3. The ports of Kalach and Krasnoarmeisk were fitted out with machinery in anticipation of the opening of the 1953 sailing season. The Gorodets Ship-building Dock constructed for the Volga-Don a special, comfortable passenger station which will be placed at the entrance to the canal. [redacted] this floating dock is already in place. 50X1
4. In 1953, the Volga-Don fleet will be augmented with new powerful, motorships, steam tugs and heavy cargo barges.
5. An article entitled "Vessels for the New Water Route" which appeared in the 10 Jun 53 issue of Pravda, reveals that three river passenger express vessels are proceeding from Odessa to the Volga-Don. [redacted] these three Diesel-electrics, the "Ukraina", Belorussiya" and "Azerbaijan" were constructed in either Rumania or Hungary. The expresses are equipped with comfortable cables, salons, restaurants, shower rooms and cabins for children. They will cruise between Rostov-on-the-Don and Moscow. 50X1
6. This article informs us in conclusion that during the 1953 sailing season, seamen of the Black Sea will deliver dozens of passenger and cargo ships and barges to the Volga-Don from the Dnieper and the Danube.

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